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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.